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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA DUZER SAID THAT THE
GOF HAS NO INTENTION AT THIS TIME OF ESTABLISHING
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. RECOGNITION IS
NOT EVEN UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE QUAI. HOWEVER, THE
GOF HAS NEVER TIED ITS WILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZE THE
DPRK TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' RECOGNITION OF THE ROK, AND
HAS NOT EVEN HINTED AT SUCH A POSSIBILITY TO DPRK
NEGOTIATORS OR TO BLOC DIPLOMATS.

2. AS WE HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE KOREANS (REF B), DUZER
SAID THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD QUITE SUDDENLY ACCEPTED
FRENCH COUNTERPROPOSALS ABOUT THEIR MISSION IN FRANCE.
THE NEW AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE FOR THE NAME "REPRESENTA-
TION COMMERCIALE" WHICH CLEARLY SHOWS THAT IT IS A
DPRK GOVERNMENT OFFICE. THERE ARE OTHER PRIVILEGES
SUCH AS DUTY FREE ENTRY OF GOODS ETC. WHICH GOF ACCORD-
ED. THESE CHANGES ARE VERY CLOSE TO IMPLEMENTATION.

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DUZER STRESSED THAT THESE CHANGES ARE MINOR AND VERY

MUCH SHORT OF PERMITTING A DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE GOF HAS APPARENTLY NOT USED
THE ARGUMENT OF SOCIALIST RECIPROCITY, THE USE OF THE
ARGUMENT BY OTHER EC COUNTRIES PROBABLY LEAVES PYONG
YANG IN NO DOUBT OF THE GENERAL GROUNDS OF THE
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES' REFUSAL TO MOVE MORE RAPIDLY ON
RELATIONS WITH THE DPRK.

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